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- Q. I am interested in civilian aviation. Do you know about that? What about their attempts to extend the civilian air network?
- A. Always they were to have a civilian air force but during the war they should use more for military. You know during the war we used Douglasses for bombers and for transportation. There is not a great plan now of building up civilian aviation. They still care more for the military force....they now make a four motor transport, four engines -- Tupolev and Ilyushin. But they build two or three airplanes a day, not more together.
- Q. How about the airport facilities?
- A. This is okay, I think. But you know they changed the airports -- they land by radio -- this in all American airports. You have in Russia only a few of them -- and now they change all airports.
- Q. Would you say that is being improved now?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You only had three or four during the war, and now they have more?
- A. Yes. Now every airport has to have this, because this is necessary. Not those little airfields, just grass, and nobody on guard, and no hangars, no barracks for people. But in the main airports they do it.
- Q. How about the pilot training that takes place?
- A. Fifty percent is now civilian -- very good flying. Not so well disciplined and politically educated.

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